

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 2-10, 12 and 13 are in the case. Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled. Claims 2-10 and 12 have been amended. The Specification has been amended to correct minor informalities that were discovered. The Abstract has been amended.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of the allowability of Claims 7, 12 and 13 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. These claims have been so rewritten, and therefore it is respectfully requested that the objection associated with their dependency upon a rejected base claim be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that Claims 7, 12 and 13 be allowed.

Regarding the objection to the Abstract, it has been amended to reduce the number of words, while maintaining it as a useful search tool. It is respectfully submitted that this objection has been overcome. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Gidden, independent Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot with respect thereto, while Claims 2-4, 6 and 8 have been amended to change their dependency, either directly or indirectly, to Claim 1, which is now allowable. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection has been overcome. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection, and the allowance of Claims 2-4, 6 and 8, are respectfully requested.

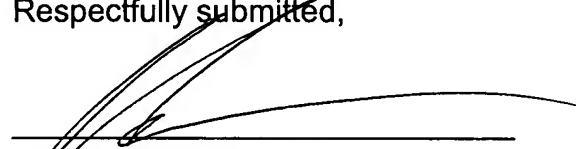
Regarding the rejection of Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gidden in view of Rahman et al., Claim 5 has been amended to change its dependency to Claim 1, which is now allowable. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection has been overcome. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection, and the allowance of Claim 5, are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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